The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes alterations to upgrade, replace, and improve space within Government-owned buildings in support of employee wellness in fiscal year 2011. Projects in Federal buildings throughout the country are currently being identified through surveys and studies and will vary in size, location, and delivery method. The authority requested is for a diverse set of upgrade/modernization projects which will provide improved facilities for developing employee fitness and health. Typical projects include:

- Fitness center upgrades to include design and construction for improved layouts more focused on wellness and expansion needed to accommodate increased use.
- Cafeteria and snack bar upgrades and alterations to include new equipment, changes in layout to allow for changes in menu and food preparation, and product placement opportunities.
- Health unit upgrades and alterations required for expansion of services and support.

**Justification**

On May 12, 2009, President Obama met with Chief Executive Officers from several major corporations to discuss their initiatives to improve employee health and reduce health care costs through worksite wellness and other initiatives. Following that meeting, he requested that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), National Economic Council (NEC), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) explore the development of similar programs for the Federal workforce.

GSA is currently working to develop a model for the Federal wellness campus concept in designated locations around the country. GSA's responsibility for this campus effort is to develop a prototype that showcases a building amenities program in support of government-wide efforts to improve employee health and fitness. These efforts encompass employee programs such as education and assistance, along with building amenities such as fitness centers, cafeterias, and health unit programs.

GSA facilities support over one million Federal employees nationwide and are the location for wellness programs across the country. These facilities house fitness centers, food service programs, health units, and child care centers, thereby helping support Federal employees to balance their lives. GSA plays a key role if wellness programs are to succeed.

This request will provide upgrades to a number of GSA Federal buildings to accommodate wellness improvements.
Authorization Requested................................................................................................................. $7,000,000

Certification of Need

It has been determined that the practical solution to achieving the identified wellness goals is to proceed with the wellness program work described above.

Submitted at Washington, DC. on ________________________________

May 13, 2010

Recommended: ________________________________

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: ________________________________

Administrator, General Services Administration